

JUNE 20, 2012

Virginia: At a Public Hearing of the Council of the Town of Chatham in CVFD at 6:30 PM on June 27, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice-Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, and Andrew D. Wall. Absent: Alvin Crider

Present: Attorney Larry Gott

Mayor Rogers stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed budget for the Town of Chatham for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 as advertised in the StarTribune.

Mayor Rogers thanked Finance Committee and Chair Roy Byrd, Treasurer David Cothran, and TM Edmund Giles for their diligence in developing this annual budget.

Treasurer Cothran outlined the primary issues for 2012/13. The State of VA has mandated that municipal employees pay 5% of their VRS retirement which had been being paid by the Town. This mandates a wage increase to, at a minimum, match that contribution. Council is recommending a 7% increase for employees. The budget includes a new shop building at the Spruce Hill site at a capital cost of \$60,000. The only fee increase recommended is \$1.31 added to the out-of-town water rate to bring the cost up to \$7.14 per 1000. The minimum billing remains at 9000 gallons per quarter.

The total budget for 2012/113 is \$2,516,000, a significant decrease from 2011/12.

Hearing no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Cothran, Clerk of Council

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